8.	Central Sector	255.01	445.0
	TOTAL NER	1112.71	1011.0
1.	A & N Islands	27.69	—
2.	Lakshadweep	5.08	—
	ALL INDIA	69352.19	31115.4

Interest Payment as percentage to total expenditure and Budgetary Deficits

*459. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the Gross Interest Payment as percentage to total expenditure and budgetary deficits during the years 1980-81, 1989-90, 1990-91 and 1991-92;

(b) whether the country's debt (both internal and external) has increased considerably since 1985-86; and

(c) if so, what steps are proposed to increase revenue receipts vis-a-vis internal resource generation by the public Sector Enterprises?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): (a)

(Rs. in crores)

	1980-81	1989-90	1990-91 (Prov.)	1991-92 (RE)
1. Interest payments	2604	17757	21471	27250
2. Percentage to total expenditure		19.1%	20.4%	24.1%
11.7%				
of the Government		10592	11347	7032
3. Budget Deficit	2576			

(b) Yes, Sir. Details are indicated in the table below:—

	1985-86	1990-91 (Prov.)	Increase
Internal Debt & other liabilities of Central Government	119031	282894	+ 163863
Country's External Debt	40311	100425	+60114

*(at the exchange rate prevalent on 31-3-91)

(c) Government are taking various measures to increase revenue receipts. These include changes in tax rates, intensification of collection of taxes, periodic review of interest rates on Government lending, improving dividends paid by Public Enterprises and review of charges for services rendered, Public enterprises including Railways and Telecommunications also take measures to improve their net earnings. As a result, the revenue receipts of the Central Government have increased to Rs. 75688 crores and internal resources of Public sector enterprises to Rs. 15084 crores in BE 1992-93, against Rs. 67529 crores and Rs. 13705 crpres respectively in BE 1991-92.